

News Briefs

USAFA summer program

More than 16 cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy will visit Spangdahlem Air Base throughout the summer to participate in Operation Air Force. The program is designed to expose cadets to the mission and lifestyle at an operational wing. Cadets will receive tours of various work centers and briefings from base leaders and support organizations to gain understanding and awareness of how various teams on base work together to accomplish the Air Force mission. Cadets will also have the opportunity to shadow officers in the career fields they are interested in joining. There will be three groups of cadets visiting for two weeks each. The first group of cadets arrived Wednesday, and the program ends August 4.

Changes, assumptions of command

- ♦ Col. Chris Chambliss will relinquish command of the 52nd Operations Group to Col Robert Wright today at 3 p.m. at Hangar 1.
- ♦ Col. James Fancher will assume command of the 52nd Dental Squadron at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Club Eifel.
- ♦ Maj. Tim Coger will assume command of the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron today at 10 a.m. at Hangar 1.
- ♦ Maj. Lisa Hansen will relinquish command of the 52nd Services Squadron to Maj. David Wendling at 2 p.m. Monday at Club Eifel.

F-35 simulator

An F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Simulator opens to the base Wednesday and Thursday at Club Eifel. The event, hosted by Lockheed Martin, will allow members of the 52nd FW to see what the Air Force will be flying in the future. Call 1st Lt. Rob Hansel at 452-6033 for details.

Promotion celebration

Top 3 and Tier 2 will join forces in the Club Eifel ballroom June 17 from 3-9 p.m. and beyond to welcome Sabers into the ranks of master sergeant and technical sergeant. Beverages will be courtesy of the new selectees and there will be snacks available in the ballroom as well as the officers lounge and enlisted lounge. The education office will have two representatives present for those being promoted to master sergeant so they can immediately sign up for the senior NCO course 12. Call Master Sgt. Harold Ayers at 452-5535 or e-mail harold.ayers@spangdahlem.af.mil for more information.



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K-9 capers

Sparky the fire dog joins the Sabers to catch one of the biggest state fairs and festivals in the area.

Read "Wing visits Rheinland-Pfalz festival Friday," on Page 4



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Airman 1st Class Stacy Moless

Pete Neukom, 52nd Fighter Wing Rhein-Main Transition Program director, points to various areas along the new runway to Maj. Gen. Loren Reno, Air Mobility Command director of logistics at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., during an RMTP tour here June 6. Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander, and Lt. Col. Jim Kirk, 726th Air Mobility Squadron director of operations, look on while the group stands outside the 52nd FW's new AMC Operations Facility. The 44,000 square-foot facility houses the passenger holding area, which currently has a capacity of 105 passengers. The facility also features a flight kitchen, an air mobility control center, an aircraft maintenance section, a cargo warehouse and a forward supply location.

Director of logistics reviews USAFE, AMC mission merge

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Leaders from Air Mobility Command, the 52nd Fighter Wing and the 726th Air Mobility Squadron met here Monday at the new AMC Operations Facility to tour the site and discuss the "single team mission" philosophy behind the new airlift mission, slated for completion this fall.

Maj. Gen. Loren Reno, AMC director of logistics at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., said the culmination of more than six years of expansive construction here and the absorption of the Frankfurt-adjacent Rhein-Main Air Base, will "broaden the focus of Spangdahlem Air Base people as the 726th Air Mobility Squadron stands up to enhance global vigilance."

The final stages of the 726th AMS introduction will mark the onset of strategic, theater and contract commercial air mobility support for Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia, said Lt. Col. Jim Kirk, 726th AMS director of operations and soon-to-be 726th AMS commander.

General Reno described the 44,000 square-foot RMTP hub as a depot capable of processing for transport upwards of 100 people at once with the probability for more in the near future.

"This building, as part of RMTP, gives us better capability to get more deployers and Space-A passengers on aircraft within Department of Defense regulations," the general said.

The general said military people haven't been the only ones to benefit from the base's large-scale development here since 1999.

"I'm continually impressed with the way the team here and local community have pulled together to make this venture a reality," the general said. "Everyone involved, both civilian and military, has been eager and ready to receive this airlift mission."

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander, accompanied the general on the tour and credited the hard work of hundreds over several years with the success of RMTP and the wing's evolving mission.



Airman 1st Class Stacy Moless

General Reno and Colonel Kirk, far right, listen to facts and figures about the Air Mobility Command Operations Facility from Larry Jecklin, 726th Air Mobility Squadron transfer project manager, here during an RMTP tour June 6. General Reno provides policy and guidance to organize, train and equip aircraft maintenance, transportation, supply, contracting and logistics plans units at 14 major active air installations in the U.S. and 17 en route locations around the world.

"The outstanding work of the engineers, architects, contractors, commanders and so many other key people have helped to keep us on time and under budget," Colonel Goldfein said.

"As the infrastructure continues toward completion, we'll focus on the operational integration of this new mission into our wing," the colonel said. "There will be no 'tenant' or 'host' here -- there will be one Spangdahlem (AB) team, responsible for fighter, airlift and air control missions. We look forward to welcoming the AMC brethren into the Eifel family."

The general underscored his "big picture" vantage point.

"We all wear the same thing opposite our name tape -- U.S. Air Force," he said. "The AMC mission and USAFE mission is ultimately the Air Force mission."

RESCON Watch

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3 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 5

Rank of last DUI: airman first class, airman
Squadrons of last DUI: 52nd CMS, 52nd EMS

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 106 days
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron,
52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against
Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program reinstated

By Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, AVIP, has been re-introduced to the Department of Defense for servicemembers assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and the Korean Peninsula.

The AVIP was placed on hold in October 2004 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia based on the Food and Drug Administration's process to approve the vaccine for use against inhalational anthrax.

"There is no issue about the safety of the anthrax vaccine," said Staff Sgt. James Collins, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron allergy and immunizations clinic NCOIC. "The reason for stopping the AVIP was purely a paperwork reason, and it's not a concern over the safety or effectiveness of the vaccine."

Airmen may refuse the anthrax vaccination under the Emergency Use Authorization and they will not be punished, but they are still deployable.

"If members choose not to get immunized and later get infected while deployed, they can become fatally ill before there is time for the disease to be recognized and treated with antibiotics," said Lt. Col. Markham Brown, 52nd MDOS medical staff chief. "This loss could endanger other people in the unit who depend on that member, and in turn, jeopardize the entire mission."

Anthrax is a special type of bacteria, and the spores produced are highly lethal. Unvaccinated people could be more vulnerable to lethal anthrax infections. A person can be infected with anthrax and not even know it.

The health and safety of the military is the number one concern for DoD leadership with respect to anthrax, the colonel said.

"The anthrax vaccine is safe and effective and strongly recommended," he said. "Up to 30 percent of men and 60 percent of women report small, local reactions that last a few days after receiving their vaccination."

These reactions, or symptoms, include muscle or joint aches, headaches, rashes, chills, low-grade fever or nausea.

"Beyond the injection site, five to 35 percent may notice symptoms," Colonel Brown said. "Severe allergic reactions requiring hospitalization or medical care occur less than once per 100,000 doses."

The threat of anthrax is deadly and real. The resumption of the AVIP requires that all Airmen be properly educated on the benefits and risks of the emergency use of the anthrax vaccine. It also requires that each person be given the option to refuse the anthrax vaccination without punishment, disciplinary actions, separation or loss of entitlements.

Anthrax facts

- ♦ Highly lethal -- inhaling spores can kill 99 percent of unprotected, unvaccinated and untreated people
- ♦ Extremely stable -- withstands harsh conditions and remains active for up to 50 years
- ♦ Resists heat, ultraviolet light, gamma radiation and bleach. Colorless, odorless and difficult to detect.
- ♦ Easily weaponized and deployed -- bombs, missiles, mailed packages and aerosols

Contact information:

- Military Vaccine Agency at www.anthrax.mil or www.vaccines.mil
- Clinical consultation or exemption assistance at www.vhcinfo.org
- CDC National Immunization Hotline at www.bt.cdc.gov
- Spangdahlem AB immunization clinic at 452-8382



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Col. Chris Chambliss, 52nd Operations Group commander, gets hosed down by some young lieutenants as part of his traditional final flight here Friday. The colonel is headed to Kunsan Air Base, Korea, to be the 8th Fighter Wing's vice commander. He relinquishes command to Col. Robert Wright.

Team Eifel nets two DUIs over weekend

By David Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had two driving-under-the-influence incidents this weekend. There were six major accidents this week and nine minor wrecks.

The first DUI involved a 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron airman first class who was on his way back from Rock am Ring was apprehended by the Polizei.

Team Eifel's DUI was at the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate. A 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Airman hit a pole. He then fled the scene of the accident and did not report it. When the Airman drove onto base, the guards found the Airman's driving erratic and smelled that alcohol was present.

The first major crash occurred in the Netherlands, where a driver failed to yield at a posted sign and rammed another car, damaging both vehicles.

The second major accident occurred on L-39 when a driver avoided a head-on collision that was caused by a driver driving in

the wrong lane. The driver in the wrong lane quickly swerved back into his correct lane, but still struck the other car.

The third crash was in Bitburg on B-257. A local national was attempting to merge into traffic and failed to look for oncoming traffic, causing both cars to collide.

The fourth crash was on the A-60 near the Badem exit. The driver fell asleep at the wheel, and the car rolled over without injuring the occupants.

Crash five was on the B-50. Driving too fast for conditions caused a driver to roll over, sending the driver to the emergency room. The accident is being investigated.

The last major crash was on the B-50 near the Albachmuhle hotel. The driver was driving too fast for conditions and hydroplaned out of control into the oncoming lane of traffic.

Team Eifel members were involved in nine minor crashes: one in a parking lot, three from improper backing, three from inattentive driving, one was others at fault and one involved an accident with wildlife.

Airmen receive Article 15 punishments, reprimands

Staff reports

During the months of February and March, 15 Spangdahlem Air Base Airmen received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron violated Article 128 by assaulting another active duty member. The commander imposed a reduction to airman, 30 days restriction and 30 days extra duty.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Communications Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$668 pay and 45 days extra duty.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron violated Article 134 by committing adultery and Article 91 by disobeying a lawful order. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 134 by committing adultery and Article 91 by disobeying a lawful order. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, 21 days restriction, with seven days restriction suspended, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Services Squadron violated Article 86 by wrongfully leaving his place of duty and failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 92 by misusing his government travel card. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 20 days

restriction and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 128 by assaulting another active duty member. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd CES violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Dental Squadron violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana and Article 86 by failing to go to her appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic and 30 days restriction.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated and Article 134 by leaving the scene of an accident. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction

and 45 days extra duty.

♦ A technical sergeant assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 128 by assaulting a civilian. The commander imposed 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, with a suspended reduction to airman, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, with a suspended reduction to airman, 45 days restriction, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron violated Article 108 by willfully damaging military property. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to senior airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Airman 1st Class Katie Smith

Unit: 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight

Duty title: Readiness apprentice

Hometown: Summerfield, Fla.

Years in service: One

Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: During the recent Phase I exercise, Airman Smith performed at a level well beyond her time in the Air Force and rank. With five of 15 flight members out for temporary duty, the readiness flight day shift was already undermanned when it was called to support the activation of the disaster control group to respond to a full spectrum threat response scenario. This pulled all the remaining day shift readiness members out of the office and left Airman Smith as the lone 52nd CES unit deployment manager. Simultaneously, the deployment control center tasked the 52nd CES with short notice to process 35 engineers, including a special deception tasking of 25 engineers. Airman Smith recalled the members from three different work centers in the 52nd CES to ensure they were in place and ready to process within 30 minutes. Her superb effort ensured all passenger assembly times were met, thus contributing to wing mission success.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Airman Smith volunteered for stage setup for the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders visit. She also helped out at the spring book fair.

What do you do for fun? I like to snowboard, play tennis and sightsee.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I enjoy the traveling opportunities.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? More parking would be nice, and a good indoor track would be awesome.

Wing lauds top performers

Staff reports

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing Exercise Evaluation Team recognized the following Airmen and teams for their outstanding performance during Operation Red Dragon here.

Outstanding Performers

Tech. Sgts. Michael Phillips, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Todd Smith**, 52nd SFS; and **William Snyder**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Staff Sgts. Hakan Duzagadusmez**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Chris Endres**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; **Robert Hardesty**, 52nd SFS; **Kelly Keefer**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Breah Misho**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Daniel Mueller**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Noe Navarro-Gonzalez**, 52nd LRS; **Katie Sponsler**, 52nd AMXS; and **Florida Taylor**, 52nd Services Squadron; **Senior Airmen Kaycie Ashley**, 52nd FW Command Post; **Eric Badrick**, 52nd AMXS; and **Karen Harris**, 52nd CES; and **Rocky Thompson**, 52nd SFS; and **Airmen 1st Class Kristeda Brooke**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; **Amber Boynton**, 52nd MSS; **Walter Kelso**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Jacquelynn Mathews**, 52nd LRS; and **Aubrey Watson**, 52nd LRS

Outstanding Teams

ALPHA Cell Crew Chiefs (52nd AMXS)

Master Sgt. Franklin Trostle, **Staff Sgt. Jonathan Vanetten**; and **Airmen 1st Class Joseph Brocious** and **Alexandro Walsh**

CDF Aircraft Load Team

Tech. Sgts. Rodney Landry, 52nd LRS; and **Michael Kelley**, 52nd CES; and **Staff Sgts. Ronald Bertke**, 52nd LRS; **Ronnie Collins**, 52nd CES; **Greg Richard**, 52nd Medical Group; and **Chris Hair**, 52nd LRS; **Airmen 1st Class Tasha Gerard**, 52nd MDOS; and **Mathew Washburn**, 52nd LRS; and **Airman Melanie Newland**, 606th Air Control Squadron

22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit (52nd AMXS) Load Crew

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Belcher, Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Bolin, and Airman Dexter Rainer

81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit (52nd AMXS) Load Crew

Staff Sgt. Lee Pugh and **Senior Airmen Michael Margiotta** and **Jonathon Oxnar**

SERE Instructors (52nd OSS)

Master Sgt. Tod Erickson and **Staff Sgt. Jason Milby**

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

We solemnly swear that **Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Ingram** deserves a hearty salute for her recent outstanding assistance to an Airman with complex extension and re-enlistment issues.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Simon says ... salute! **Senior Airman Simon Dragustinovis** provides security and custody for a half-billion dollar special weapons stockpile and maintains continuous custody of Air Force resources through the operation of a \$6.5 million weapons storage and security system. **Staff Sgt. Corey Mellinger** is an outstanding weapons load monitor who contributed to the overall success of the May Strike Generation, generating nine aircraft used for NATO and U.S. European Command missions. All aircraft were mission-ready well within the established timelines.

52nd Operations Group

He's da Mann! **Capt. Sam Mann** was the salt of the earth with his outstanding performance during Operation Salty Weazel.

52nd Medical Group

A big salute goes to the HAWC staff for the "health" of it! ... Health and Wellness Center members **Lt. Col. Diane Deyak**, **Tech. Sgt. Edith Fields**, **Staff Sgts. Ernesto Otero**, and **Suzy Bright**, and civilians **Mandy Baerman** and **Katrina Kelly** pulled together to win the USAFE 2004 Small Base Health Promotions of the Year Award. **Maj. (Dr.) Kevin Bohnsack** was as good as gold at the recent Silver Flag exercise -- he and his team were named best ever by senior medical cadre. **Lt. Col. Michael Poth** and **Tech. Sgt. Thomas Lloyd** made parting more sweet than sorrow with their unwavering efforts for a recent retirement ceremony. **Staff Sgt. Stacy Brittenham** is the ultra-troop and

NCOIC of the ultrasound program who also handles routine and emergent studies in fluoroscopy and and x-ray. She has become the alternate "go-to" person for digital radiology and is the acting floor manager for the patient and technologist schedules. Carrying on the "one team, one fight" philosophy, a huge salute goes to **flight medicine, public health, bioenvironmental engineering and family practice** for clearing more than 1,000 records for exercise deployments and about 200 for real-world functions.

CDC stars

The following individuals earned scores of 90 percent or higher on their career development course examinations: **Staff Sgt. Angela Samson**, 52nd Services Squadron, 90; **Senior Airmen Andrew Sewer**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, 90; **Michael Steeley**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 93; and **Luke Wallin**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, 90; **Airmen 1st Class Darius Alesna**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 92; **Jessica Cronk**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 90; **Zachary Hedquist**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 90; **Brian Holmes**, 52nd Communications Squadron, 90; **Michael Hulcy**, 52nd CES, 98; **Jeffrey Layson**, 52nd CS, 91; **Jose Obregon**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, 91; **Cheyenne Opiana**, 52nd CES, 99; **Benjamin Polichnowski**, 52nd AMXS, 90; **Hector Quinones**, 52nd LRS, 99; **Christopher Sakai**, 52nd CES, 93; **Jason Sebring**, 52nd AMXS, 94; and **Jenny Song**, 52nd EMS, 91; **Airmen Brian Spugnardi**, 52nd CES, 93; and **Walton Vickers**, 52nd CES, 90.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The team provides unsurpassed nuclear, biological and chemical defense training to all military members at Spangdahlem Air Base and its geographically-separated units. The flight manages 443 52nd CES troops -- and equipment worth more than \$4.5 million. The team directs the implementation and maintenance of the wing's full spectrum threat response plans and programs.

Number of members: 15

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The flight supports the wing by ensuring every member receives quality chemical warfare defense training before they deploy in support of air and space expeditionary force operations. The team ensures all 68 unit disaster control group members have the plans and checklists and other tools they need, so they can mitigate the effects of major accidents and incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

Team's other contributions through the year: The readiness flight deployed more than 100 of its members in the past year. More than 50 of those supported the Army on a unique and high-demand tasking. While supporting the squadron and wing training mission, the flight has also deployed about 45 members to the Silver Flag and Eagle Flag contingency training sites, provided information to all wing and GSU FSTR representatives and created DCG tabletop scenarios for monthly training. Also, the flight supplied the wing and GSUs with the newly updated Airman's Manual and the newly created Spangdahlem AB guide to the Airman's manual.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey



Capt. Tom Crosson

(Top) Staff Sgts. Daniel Borowski, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron load planner, and Kelly Keefer, 52nd LRS deployment scheduler, work together on the deployment schedule, or DESO. Compiling the DESO involves determining the priority of cargo and passengers to be flown to the deployed location, establishing how cargo is loaded onto the aircraft and providing the number of available seats and required unit tasking codes to the personnel readiness unit. During the exercise, the sergeants coordinated 760 short tons of cargo and 839 passengers via 23 simulated aircraft.

(Left) Senior Airmen Aaron Knuth, Elena Bupp and Troy Kaufman, 52nd Services Squadron, pack peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for boxed meals Monday.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Staff Sgt. Erika Peterson, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Public Health technician, scans a table crammed with stacks of alphabetically sorted deployment health assessments to find the next letter pile to inspect Monday. The flight has 15 hours to review an average of 5,000 pages of health assessments completed by deployers. Sorting the documents alphabetically makes sorting more manageable.

Exercise: Operation Red Dragon



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

(Top) Airmen from various squadrons inventory their chemical warfare protective equipment during a mobility processing line Monday. Approximately 800 Airmen "deployed" to a forward-deployed location throughout the week. (Right) Senior Airman Raymond Adams, 52nd Security Forces Squadron base support manager, assists Staff Sgt. Tammy Kerr, 52nd LRS materiel control journeyman, in taking apart an M-16.



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

COLA allowance properly compensates for overseas living costs

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- As the Euro continues to fluctuate in strength against the American dollar, U.S. Air Forces in Europe members can be assured they will continue to be provided with the proper Cost of Living Allowance, said USAFE officials recently.

Foreign currency rate changes are continually reviewed in high-cost living areas and the COLA rate is changed accordingly, said 1st Lt. Jason Werner, USAFE Financial Management chief of command pay and entitlements.

COLA, a monetary allowance provided to members living in high-cost areas, ensures all military members have the same buying power, whether living overseas or in the Continental United States.

"A Retail Price Survey is conducted each year to assess the costs and typical local economy buy rate of more than 160 items and services," Lieutenant Werner said. "These items, rang-

ing from groceries to car insurance, are meant to give the true purchase-price picture for goods and services in each high-cost living area."

The survey results for each area are then provided to the Department of Defense Per Diem Committee in Washington, D.C., he said. The Per Diem Committee analyzes the data and assigns each location an index number indicating the cost difference between purchasing those same items in the United States.

"For instance, the index for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, is currently .36," said the lieutenant. "This indicates that our military members pay 36 percent more here for those 160 items than they would in the CONUS. This percentage difference is then calculated into the COLA rate."

A Living Pattern Survey is also conducted every three years to gather information on whether members purchase goods and services on base or on the local economy, said Master Sgt. Keibu Kamarakafego, USAFE Financial Management

chief of command travel pay and procedures.

"The past LPS survey indicated Ramstein's military members make one quarter of their purchases off base," he said. "This ratio is taken into consideration when calculating the COLA rate here. These purchase percentages, on- or off-base, help determine the impact exchange rate fluctuations have on the overall COLA rate."

But, the factor that impacts a member's COLA regularly is foreign currency rate changes, said Lieutenant Werner.

"The Per Diem committee makes updates as often as twice a month, on the first and fifteenth of the month," he said. "If during that two-week period the cumulative cost of off-base spending has increased or decreased at least five percent, then the index number is changed and members receive an increase or decrease in their cost of living allowance accordingly."

Although the exchange rate fluctuates daily, it takes two weeks to adjust the military pay com-

puter tables. But, this two-week adjustment works both ways, the lieutenant stressed.

"For instance, let's say the foreign exchange rate gets better, and the Per Diem Committee determines that a COLA decrease is required," he said. "That decrease won't be seen until two weeks later, so during that time we're getting a COLA rate higher than what it's costing us to purchase goods. It takes two weeks to see a change in our paychecks whether the rate increases or decreases."

The statistics behind COLA may be complicated, but it's an allowance that's fair, Sergeant Kamarakafego said.

"Over time, all military members, whether living in England, Germany or any other part of Europe, are properly compensated for the costs associated with overseas living," he said.

Details about COLA rates can be found on the Per Diem Committee Web site located at: <http://www.wdtdc.mil/perdiem/ocform.html>

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Col. Dave Goldfein

June Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	295	89	+9
23FS	230	57	+4
81FS	248	47	-4

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through June 7

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Impressions

Airman puts 'Combat Proud' into action, urges Team Eifel to make Spang sparkle

By Airman 1st Class Katie Smith
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Step into the bright sunlight, and breathe in the fresh spring air. Watch the sunlight dance off broken beer bottles and hear the wind gently rustle plastic bags as you walk to work.

Admire the scenery -- take in the beautiful blue sky, singing birds, unkempt trees and plastic bags that roll across the horizon like tumble weeds.

Look down and notice that the grass is rather long and figure it's probably been at least a few weeks since its last mowing. Notice the brown-ing color of the grass. Continue on your journey to work and shrug. "Someone will get to it eventually."

You hope.

Arrive at work, step around a broken toy truck, a pair of tongs and a puddle of oily water before beginning another day of labor.

Take a look around Spangdahlem Air Base. Aside from occasional cigarette butts, most

By keeping our buildings, work areas and homes clean, we've upgraded Spangdahlem AB from ordinary to extraordinary.

would agree it is fairly clean. Spangdahlem AB is a rather clean place to live, and this is not by accident. Everyone takes it upon themselves to keep not only their homes and personal living areas clean, but their places of business and all common areas in top shape. I have been to other places both inside and outside of the military, and the results were not pretty.

I've seen other places dotted with thick wads of wet paper that lay in alleyways next to piles of trash. Parks lay littered with yesterday's news and the cigarette butts of those who could not be bothered to walk two extra feet to the trash can.

Walking down streets, litter strolled along with you. Buildings were either laced with gra-fiti or chewing gum. By instituting Combat

Proud, Spangdahlem AB is a place we not only enjoy living in, but one in which we can confi-dently host those who pass through.

Think of the last time you brought someone new to the base. While driving to housing, your guest probably noticed the freshly cut grass and trash-free grounds. Imagine that same scenario, but with a twist: uncut grass, trash everywhere and your guest sitting beside you looking at all this.

Though they may not say anything to your face, what if they say to their friends or family, "I can't believe where so and so lives -- that place looks like garbage ..."

Embarrassing? Definitely.

By keeping our buildings, work areas and homes clean, we've upgraded Spangdahlem AB from ordinary to extraordinary. This is our home -- for some of us longer than others -- and it's our job to ensure we take care of it. Combat Proud helps us maintain a base we can all be proud of -- and one we're proud to bring any guest to.

Practice 'eyes of eagle' vigilance

By Col. Michael Stoker
Air Force Office of Special Investigations

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- It seems difficult today to pick up the newspa-per or turn on the TV and not hear something about the war on terror and our efforts to fight that war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But you almost never hear about the other front in that war, a front where battles raged long before we ever sent troops into Afghan-istan or Iraq or even Desert Storm. That never-ending struggle for victory continues today.

What is this front you ask? Well, this clan-destine war takes place all over the world, in coffee shops, restaurants, hotels, or even the alleys and parks near your home where the enemy meets with their comrades. It hides in the shadows of normalcy and tries to remain undetected, but it's still there. The hidden work of our adversary's intelligence networks continue to wage a battle against us, and just like in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must prevail.

Throughout the Air Force, we fight this battle every day. Our Office of Special Investigations agents throughout Europe and Africa meet this enemy head-on using every counterintelligence tool available including investigations, collections, research technolo-gy protection, information operations, coun-terespionage operations and a robust analyti-cal capability. Our efforts to disrupt, destroy, or eliminate the threat posed by this evil requires a balanced offensive and defensive approach much like you would find in a great football team.

But OSI agents aren't the only players on this football team. In fact, you're part of this team as well. Even if you didn't realize it, most of you are already working diligently on

our all-important defensive squad. That's exactly what you're doing when you report unusual activity like people taking pictures of our installations or watching with binoculars.

Your actions in those instances are funda-mental in stopping our adversaries from gain-ing the intelligence they need to conduct ter-rorist operations against us. Your efforts are what will give us the ability to get our offense out on the field to neutralize that threat.

The first step is to be the "eyes of the eagle" and report on these suspicious activi-ties:

Surveillance -- someone recording or monitoring activities

Elicitation -- anyone or any organization attempting to gain information by mail, fax, phone or in person about military operations or people

Acquiring supplies -- purchasing or steal-ing controlled items like weapons, ammuni-tion, badges or uniforms

Suspicious persons out of place -- people who don't seem to belong in the workplace or neighborhood

Dry run -- putting people into position and moving them without actually committing a terrorist act

Deploying assets -- people and supplies getting into position to commit the act

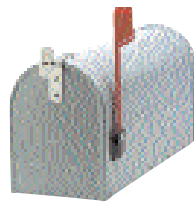
If you observe any of these behaviors day or night, report it to your local security forces law enforcement desk.

To learn more about the Eagle Eyes pro-gram, you can also contact your local OSI detachment or check it out on the web at <http://public.afosi.amc.af.mil/eagle/index.asp>.



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Girls' night out

The Spangdahlem AB Chapel Annex hosts a "Girls' night out" today at 6 p.m. featuring movies, music, pizza, ice cream, manicures and more. All girls ages five through 17 are welcome, and they should bring pajamas, a sleeping bag, pillow and \$5 to offset costs. For more information, call the Spangdahlem Girl Scouts at 452-9190 or Lisa Allen at 06508-917143.

Stress management

The Spangdahlem AB Health and Wellness Center holds a stress management class Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 452-4295 to sign up.

Nature trail clean up

A cleanup party along the Spangdahlem AB nature trail and picnic area takes place June 25 from 8 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Projects include re-establishing the nature trails, cutting and moving fallen tree branches, weeding the trails, trimming plants, smoothing ruts in the trails and disposing of rubbish. Participants are encouraged to bring gardening tools such as protective eye wear, gardening or leather gloves, pruning shears, saws, rakes and shovels. People operating ground-level tools must wear safety-toed boots; others are encouraged to wear sturdy, protective footwear. The cleanup party ends with a barbecue lunch on site. For details, e-mail jennifer.lindsey@spangdahlem.af.mil or call 452-6012.

Cub scout camp

The Eifel 2005 cub scout day camp takes place July 19-23 in Preist Sportplatz, near Speicher, and is open to boys who are finishing kindergarten or who are up to age 10. Participants do not have to be registered as cub scouts before attending camp. The cost is \$55 before June 20 and \$65 until the start of the camp July 19. There is an additional \$10 registration fee if they need to register in the Boy Scouts of America. Volunteer leaders are also needed at the camp. To sign up or for more information, call John Kennedy at 0171-331-8651, 06562-931258 or e-mail john.kennedy2@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Walking club

Stay-at-home mothers, fathers and their



Nice gams

Staff Sgt. Chris Decker, Detachment 9 Armed Forces Network production NCOIC, primes for a fundraiser relay race sponsored by the Top 3 June 3. Master Sgt. Randall Benefield, 52nd Communications Squadron (not pictured), led the brigade to coordinate the event. Both male and female participants donned "unusual" attire to raise more than \$5,200 for the Air Force enlisted village fund. "In my 28 years of Air Force service, I've not seen a better organization of senior NCOs," said Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief.

Airman 1st Class Jeanne Schultz

children who are interested in a walking club can call Michele Linnen at 452-8279 for more information. The club allows people to exercise and socialize with other parents. Time and place will be announced as interest is generated.

Can't Do Sturgis

The third annual "Can't Do Sturgis" Rally takes place Aug. 5-7 at the Spangdahlem AB Bowling Center and base pavilion. The rally is open to everyone, including local nationals. Events occur all weekend and consist of motorcycle rodeos, a motorcycle show and shine competition, poker run, DJ and live music. For more information, call Maj. Everett Shaver at 452-5022 or e-mail eifel.riders@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Straight talk

Spangdahlem Middle School hosts "Straight Talk About Teens and Sex" Tuesday at 7 p.m. A panel of community experts will attend to discuss, educate and answer questions. Segments of the Katie Couric special, "the 411, Teens and Sex" will be viewed to encourage discussion. The meeting encourages open dialogue

with adolescents. Call SMS principal Elizabeth Childs at 452-7205 for details.

SAC committee

The School Advisory Committee seeks three parents of Bitburg High School students to serve on the election planning committee. The brief commitment will facilitate the election of new SAB members for the next school year. For more information, e-mail maria.checkley@spangdahlem.af.mil.

SSEMC meeting

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club holds a general membership meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Club Eifel. The meeting includes dinner and activities. Call Craig Sweeney at 06575-901785 for more information.

CES icebreaker

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Spouse's Group hosts an icebreaker June 25 at 1 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel Annex. People can meet other 52nd CES spouses and socialize. Call Rebecca at 06502-930756 or Beth at 06561-694345 to RSVP.

Chapel Services

Women's Ministry Brunch

The "Treasure of Grace Woman's Ministry" holds a "Bridal Brunch"

June 29 at 10 a.m. in the Club Eifel fine dining area. The event is

open to all women age 18 and older. RSVP by June 24 to Jasmine Hartswick at 06575-903505.



Club Eifel proudly presents

Mel's Drive Thru Lunch Special

Friday, June 17th - 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Need to grab lunch in a hurry? Stop by Mel's Drive Thru on Friday, June 17th and you won't even need to get out of your car. At 11 a.m. the entrance to Club Eifel will be temporarily turned into a drive thru, offering an awesome selection at an unbeatable price. Nothing is more convenient. Price for members is \$6.95/\$7.95 nonmembers.

Menu Items To Choose From

BBQ or Plain Chicken
BBQ Ribs smoked ole Southern style
Polish Sausage hot off the grill
Baked Beans and rolls
Corn on the cob
Cold salad



For more information, contact Melvin Gamble at 452-4632

Don't forget Club Eifel's Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 19th. There are two seatings: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call DSN 452-4639 or COMM 06565-61-4639. Members: Adults \$14.95, Children \$7.00 Nonmembers: Adults \$16.95, Children \$8.00 Kids 5 and under eat free!



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least 10 days before the desired date of publication. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Vehicles

1995 Pontiac Transport, seats seven, removable seats, \$2,300 OBO. Call 0656-595-

6809.

1993 Ford Escort LX-E, 5-spd., PW, PM, PS, moonroof, front wheel drive, 60/40 fold down rear seat, stereo w/10-

disc CD changer, new brakes/tires/battery, \$3,900. Call 452-4477 or 06565-934987 after 6 p.m.

1992 BMW 525i,

238,000 kilometers, moon roof, PW, PL, new generator, CD, 5-spd., \$2,900 OBO, call the Smith residence at 06562-931262 or 452-7159.

1991 Ford Aerostar van, new tires, \$1,000 OBO. Call 06575-901372.

For Sale

German telephone w/answering machine, \$20; lg. area rug, 12 by 20 feet, light brown, \$30; golf clubs, steel shaft irons, sand wedge thru three iron, Tour Beater brand (Taylor Made knock offs), only used once, \$150; Junior Ram golf set, three fairway irons, driver, putter and bag/stand, only used once, \$50. Call 06562-965510 or

452-9533.

220-volt items: microwave and conventional oven, \$75; toaster, \$10; DSL modem, \$50; iron, \$10; stick mixer, \$5; wooden modular bunk beds w/mattresses still available, \$150; lg. Call 06562-931377.

Kettler Atlantis tread mill, 220v w/M9775 training computer, \$450; battery charger, 220v, for cars, motorcycles, lawnmowers, \$15; chains for trucks, RVs, 4WD vehicles, call for tire sizes, \$10. Call 06567-8084.

Bedroom schrank w/mirror, \$50 OBO; bassinet, \$20; baby swing, \$15; child's BMX bicycle, \$15; 220v ceiling fan, \$20; VCR, \$20;

two toddler car seats, \$30 each; HP color printer, \$30. Call 06561-694957 or 452-3107.

Kettler treadmill, 220v, \$450 OBO. call 06575-901453.

Barbie Jeep Power Wheels, two-seat w/Barbie radio and two batteries, \$75; Jeep Power Wheels, one seat for boys w/battery, \$50; two double strollers, \$95. Call 0170-273-4084.

Single stroller, \$75; sm. single stroller, \$30; Cannondale Jekyll mountain bike, like new, \$1,900. Call 0170-273-4084.

AFN decoder/satellite, \$450; two German loft beds w/no mattresses, \$75 each; refrigerator

and freezer, 4-drawer combo, 220v, \$150. Call 06575-901372.

DSL modem, \$50; SKY system, \$150 OBO, coffee maker, 220v, \$5; toaster, 220v, \$2; 110v scanner/printer, best offer; non-working VCR, free. Call 06569-960852.

Free, TV stand; queen or full-sized headboard, chest of drawers, dresser w/mirror, \$50 for all; 15-spd., Fuji "Blaster," 24-inch mountain bike, \$50; twin mattress/box spring w/frame, \$40; twin mattress, \$20. Call 06575-903677.

Tan sectional couch w/bed, \$200; blue recliner, \$75; All 220v: microwave, \$15; iron, \$10; freezer, \$50; bread

maker, \$30. Call 452-7165.

AFN decoder, satellite dish, \$350 for both, brand new. Call 06508-918370.

Transformer, 2000-watt, like new, \$120. Call 06565-933050.

Eight gymnastics, dance outfits, sizes 7/8 to 10/12. Call 06527-934756.

Modern style, oak living room schrank, \$850 OBO. Call 0171-7137599.

Exercise equipment; household items; men's clothing, jackets, coats, leather items/sports jackets; children's item and toys, many items. Call 06573-952983 or 456-5258.

Three 110v fans, \$15; aerobic exerciser, \$25; ABS inversion boots w/bar, \$60; mini-trampoline, \$10; floor stepper, \$20; Belkin Series G, wireless router/card, both for \$65 or will sell separately; all items OBO. Call 01511-241-8261 or 456-5258.

Wanted

Used transformers, 220v fans. Call 065789-85473.

Person or people to wallpaper an off-base apartment living room and dining room. Excellent pay. Call David at 0160-994480393.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through June 16. Times and movies are subject to change. For current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

*Advance ticket sales begin today for *Star Wars Episode III: Return of the Sith* (PG-13, June 17 and 18 at 10 p.m.; June 19 at 4 and 7 p.m.; and June 21 at 7 p.m.) at the Spangdahlem Skyline theater. For each showing, the theater will sell 200 advance tickets only.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

xXx: *State of the Union* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Darius Stone, a new agent in the xXx program, is sent to Washington, D.C., to defuse a power struggle among national leaders.

Sin City (R, 10 p.m.)

This is an adaptation of Frank Miller's stories based in the fictional town of Sin City. Chief among the town's residents is Marv, who trawls the darkest areas of town, looking for the person who killed his one true love, Goldie.

Saturday

Beauty Shop (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Gina, a hairstylist, opens up a beauty shop full of customers who are more interested in speaking their minds than getting a cut.

Sin City (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Beauty Shop (4 p.m.)

xXx: *State of the Union* (7 p.m.)

Monday

Sin City (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

xXx: *State of the Union* (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

A Lot Like Love (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Oliver and Emily each declare they couldn't be more wrong for each other. As they struggle with their different partners, careers and breakups, they turn from casual acquaintances into trusted friends. As they each search for love, it isn't long before they figure out that maybe what they really have is something ... a lot like love.

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

After Cheryl Frasier and Stan Fields are kidnapped, Gracie goes undercover in Las Vegas to find them.

Saturday

Ice Princess (G, 4 p.m.)

With the help of her coach, parents and the boy who drives the Zamboni machine, nothing can stop Casey from realizing her dream to be a champion figure skater.

A Lot Like Love (7 p.m.)

Sunday

Ice Princess (4 p.m.)

Guess Who (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Percy is skeptical of his daughter's new boyfriend, Simon. Simon has a great job, good investments and a promising future. But there's one thing Percy cannot overlook -- that Simon is white.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Guess Who (7 p.m.)

Thursday

A Lot Like Love (7 p.m.)

Sizzlin' summer fun ...

Eifel area hosts fireworks, concerts, wine festivals galore throughout June, July

Editor's note: Events are subject to change. To double-check event dates or to obtain further details, call 11833 and ask for the phone number of the tourist office for the town in which the event is held. For international calls, dial 11834.

*All highlight events are marked with an *(asterisk) where large crowds of people are expected. It is recommended to arrive early in order to find good parking. It is not recommended to bring small children to the evening events. Alcohol controls will be enforced during festivals, and people must arrange for transportation after consuming alcohol. More event details for the summer and fall festivals will be available in upcoming editions of the Eifel Times.*

*The largest festival within the state of Rheinland-Pfalz takes place **today** through **Sunday** in Bad Ems. The event offers 10 music stages where numerous bands will perform throughout the festival, large-scale exhibitions from different regions within the state, a festival parade (Sunday), multiple show performances, military displays and more. Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing will be represented at this event. For details, go to www.rlp-tag.de.

The Chinese National Circus performs shows **today** through **Sunday** at the Trier Messepark fairgrounds. For tickets, call 0651-7199-996 or go to www.intrinet.de/tickets.

Listen to classical sounds by Vladimir Spivakov (on violin) and Alexander Ghindin (on piano) **today** at the Luxembourg-Echternach Peter and Paul church.

Mosel Festwochen features concerts and cultural events **now** until the **end of June** in Trier and in other towns along the Mosel. Go to www.moselfestwochen.de or call 06531-3000 for details.

Shop at flea markets **Sunday** in front of the Irrel Euro Spar market; at the Piesport Moseltal hall; along the Kinheim Mosel shore; at the Pruem Mehrzweck hall and Messegelaende fairgrounds and in front of the Trier-Nord Fundgrube furniture store.

Parts of the Dudeldorf castle were recently renovated, and the castle will open its doors to the public **Sunday**. People can stop by and see what is available and how some rooms can be booked for functions in the future. There will be a church service at 10:30 a.m. at the Dudeldorf Catholic Church for the inauguration of the castle. An introduction will be given, and an art exhibition, musical entertainment and food are planned for the afternoon.

Bitburg will host its monthly sales market starting **today** at 8 a.m. at the Bitburg Beda market.

An international European Mastership mountain bike race takes place **today** through **Sunday** between the towns of Fell and Thomm, located on K82.

See an art exhibit **now** through **June 25** at the Himmerod "Alte Muehle," or old mill. The event is open Tuesday through Saturday from 2-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stop by the Summer Reggae Bashment festival **Saturday** at the Trier Exzellenshaus summer stage.

A wine festival takes place **Saturday** through **Monday** in the idyllic wine town of Mehrling on the Mosel. Mehrling is located just past Schweich as you drive toward Bernkastel.

Take a guided walking tour to the "Calmont," Europe's steepest vineyard **Saturday** at 11 a.m. in the Mosel town of Ediger-Eller. To register, call 02675-232.

See a reptile exhibition **Saturday** and **Sunday** at the former Bitburg Flugplatz, Hall 300.

See a patchwork and quilt exhibition **Saturday** and **Sunday** at the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center. Opening times are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Traben-Trarbach holds its annual old city festival **Saturday** and **Sunday**.



Courtesy photo

Civilian airplanes take part in the joint Luxembourg-Bitburg Air Show July 23-24 in Bitburg. Large-scale displays, entertainment, food and fun are on schedule for this spectacle. Planes like this Boeing Stearman can be seen during the airshow.

See Jethro Tull in concert **Sunday** at 8 p.m. at the Trier Messepark fairgrounds.

Bitburg's St. Peter kindergarten holds a summer festival **Sunday** at 2 p.m.

Listen to music by the military band of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg **Sunday** at the Körperich St. Hubertus church.

A choir performance takes place **Sunday** at 3 p.m. at the Bitburg St. Matthias School Center.

Participate in the eighth Eifel Marathon **Sunday** in Waxweiler. Register at www.eifelmarathon.de or contact Theo Kraemer at 06558-519, or Rita Brandenburg at 06551-15154 for details.

The Dragon Boat Race of Cochem takes place **Saturday** and **Sunday** on the Mosel River. For more information on the event, go to www.drachenbootrennen-cochem.de.

The annual Antiquity Festival of Trier takes place **June 16** through **July 16**. A variety of plays and concerts take place at the amphitheater.

"Chocolate & Wine" is the name for a jazz concert **June 17** at the Bernkastel-Kues Weinmuseum.

A medieval spectacle will take place **June 17-19** in the Bernkastel-Kues Forumsplatz, located in the suburb of Cues.

The annual Neumagen-Dhron Mosel shore festival takes place **June 17-19**.

Attend the 13th Holsthum hops festival **June 17-19**. It features musical acts, entertainment and food. The event offers a country western night **June 17** at 7:30 p.m. to include bull riding. Most activities will take place inside a festival tent.

The annual Wittlich Altstadtfest, or old city festival, takes place **June 17-19**.

The wine village of Riöl holds a festival along the Mosel shore **June 17-20**.

Visit a flea market **June 18-19** in Cochem.

The fourth Bitburg Blade Night takes place **June 18** at 4 p.m. in the center of town in Bitburg. The event is sponsored by the Bitburg House of the Youth.

Listen to traditional music from North India **June 18** at 8 p.m. in the Kleiner Saal, or small auditorium hall, of the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center, located on Weberbach-Wechselstrasse. Entry is 7-10 euro.

Enjoy an open-air concert by "The Hooters" **June 19** at the Trier Kaiserthermen Roman Baths.

Luxembourg celebrates its National Fest for the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg **June 23** with a variety of events throughout the country.



Iris Reiff

People may enjoy an exciting ferris wheel ride and other entertainment as many festivals spring to life in the local area now through October.

*Trier's popular Altstadtfest, takes place **June 24-26**. This is a highlight event, featuring music and entertainment throughout the entire pedestrian zone.

Visit Trier's annual Peter and Paul entertainment fair **June 24** through **July 3**. The event takes place on Viehmarktplatz.

The wine community of Lieser holds its annual "Peter and Paul" town festival **June 25-26**.

Listen to jazz music **June 25** at the cloister ruins of Ediger-Eller.

Shop at a children's flea market **June 25** in Wittlich.

Listen to singing performances at a local singing festival **June 26** at 2 p.m. at the Erdorf Buergerhaus, or village hall.

Sizzlin' summer

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♦ Flea markets take place **June 26** inside and outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall; in front of the Gerolstein Hit-Markt hall; inside and outside the Kloster Machern cloister; in front of the Wittlich Berufs-bildende Schule; at the Hermeskeil festival grounds; at the Mayen OBI industrial area; at the Mehren Rasthof; at the Neumagen-Dhron festival grounds and in front of the Trier-Zewen Hornbach store.

♦ See a photo exhibition by Elisabeth Speitkamp, featuring Eifel scenes. The event takes place **June 26** through **July 17** at the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center.

♦ See knights touring the Cochem Winneburg ruins **July 1**.
♦ Enjoy seeing a variety of different dance styles and performances during the annual Tuchfabrik Dance Days **July 1** at 7:30 p.m. in the great hall of the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center.

♦ Koblenz holds its annual old city festival **July 1-3**.
♦ *The annual Loreley festival takes place **July 1-3**. It features fireworks and entertainment along the Mosel river. A giant fireworks festival, which is part of the overall events, takes place in Piesport.

♦ *The scenic Mosel town of Kroev sponsors the 52nd International Folk Dancing meeting of the Mosel **July 1-4**. The event attracts many people from the Mosel region and from outside the country.

♦ A great wine festival takes place **July 1-4** in the Mosel community of Senheim.

♦ *The 25th special handicraft market takes place **July 2-3** around the Trier Porta Nigra.

♦ Enjoy jazz and blues music by Bossa Nova **July 3** at the Traben-Trarbach Bellevue hotel.

♦ Shop at a flea market **July 3** in the scenic community of Roth an der Our. This is a small but nice flea market, attracting



Courtesy photo

The Bitburg European Festival is a highlight in the Eifel region. Thousands of people flock to Bitburg from all across Europe to see more than 50 international folk groups perform traditional dances through the streets of Bitburg.

Wing visits Rheinland-Pfalz festival today

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Preparations are presently in full swing for the biggest state fair and festival of Rheinland-Pfalz, the Rheinland-Pfalz Tag.

The festival takes place in Bad Ems, a unique spa resort located about 20 kilometers east of Koblenz, and kicks off mid-day today with opening words by the Minister President of Rheinland-Pfalz, Kurt Beck and city officials.

Around 3 p.m., a delegation of selected Airmen from the 52nd Fighter Wing will attend the Minister President's 'Reception of the Youth.' These people will be welcomed and recognized by the Minister President for their outstanding accomplishments.

For three days, the town turns into a party place. On schedule are watershows, exhibitions, pop, rock and jazz concerts, folk dances, handicraft and farmer's markets, regional food specialties and more.

More than 10 huge stages will offer fun and entertainment. Some shows are being hosted by local radio and television broadcasters. Games and raffles take place on stage with the public.

Among the peak highlights is a parade Sunday from 1:10-5 p.m. More than 150 different groups with close to 4,000 participants are scheduled to attend. Observers will stand along the roads and cheer as they see the decorated wagons and folk dancers come by.

A special Platz for the military is set up at the festival.

Military forces, including the Air Force and Army, the German Bundeswehr and Recruiting Services, will be represented with either a military display of vehicles or equipment. A U.S. military combo band also performs as part of the entertainment.

The fun continues Saturday at 11 a.m. with entertain-



Courtesy photo

Sparky, Spangdahlem Air Base's fire department mascot, was part of a previous year's Rheinland-Pfalz festival and was welcomed by the Minister President of Rheinland-Pfalz, Kurt Beck. This year, the base will also be represented at the festival with the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron's fire truck, the 52nd Dental Squadron's dental bus and a 52nd Security Forces Squadron vehicle.

ment and music taking place until late at night. Exhibitions start at 10 a.m. each day.

Children's dance groups can be seen in different locations throughout the town, as well as performances, including laser shows.

It is recommended to use the park and ride service offered on all three days of the festival. Signs will guide people to the parking lots. Buses will shuttle back and forth to the activities.

The state of Rheinland-Pfalz would like to welcome Spangdahlem Sabers to this year's events in Bad Ems.

people from far and near. Most items offered are antiques. Roth an der Our is located near the town of Vianden, Luxembourg.

♦ An open market takes place **July 7-10** in Wittlich. It includes grocery vendors from Hamburg.

♦ *Enjoy the famous European Folk Festival of Bitburg **July 8-11** at the town's Beda Platz. About 50 groups from 15 different countries will visit Bitburg and participate in the events. A parade through the center of town is scheduled for **July 12**. This is a highlight event in the area. For more information about the festival, go to www.Bitburg.de.

♦ *Trier will celebrate its annual Zurlauben Mosel Festival with a giant fireworks display, food and entertainment along the Mosel shore **July 8-11**. This is a highlight event.

♦ The city of Bitburg invites Spangdahlem Sabers to the 25th annual Bitburg Beer Barrel Rolling contest **July 9**. People interested in participating as part of a U.S. team may contact the 52nd

Fighter Wing Community relations office at 452-7161.

♦ Sign up now to participate in the second annual German-American Friendship Run of Binsfeld **July 10**. The event features a 400-meter bambini run, a 1.7K run for children ages 14 and below; and a 5K and a 10K run or walk for adults and seniors. People can register at ortsgemeinde.binsfeld@t-online.de, or via fax at 06575-95882. An information flyer in English can be found on the mentioned Binsfeld Web site. Go to Vereine (associations) Sportverein (sports association) and Volkslauf (run).

♦ Visit the Schleich wine and street festival **July 16-18**.

♦ Sample wine at the third annual Bitburg wine and champagne gala **July 17** in the center of town.

♦ *Enjoy flying demonstrations and a large-scale exhibition and static display of civilian and military aircraft **July 23-24** during the combined Luxembourg-Bitburg airshow in Bitburg. For more information about this event, go to www.airshow.lu.

Intramural softball championships

52nd CES "Wire Dawgs" vs. 702nd MUNNS "Ducks"

Photos by Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura



Buechel Air Base's Joseph Youngs, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron, jets down the first base line while third baseman Grisko Alfonso, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, prepares to throw the ball to get Youngs out during the intramural softball championship Friday. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron beat the 702nd MUNNS 28-27 in extra innings.



Buechel Air Base "Ducks" pitcher Brian Price, 702nd MUNNS, pitches to a member of the 52nd CES "Wire Dawgs."



Corey Wells, 702nd MUNNS, right center fielder, stops a ground ball.

Sports Briefs

Congratulations

Intramural volleyball

Congratulations to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron team for winning the 2005 intramural volleyball championship game against the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Friday, beating them 2-0.

HAWC classes

Proper shoe fitting

The health and wellness center hosts a shoe-fitting class June 16 and 30 from noon to 1 p.m. to help educate people who suffer from shin splints, ankle sprains or anyone who wants to learn more about proper shoe wear. The class has a one-on-one analysis and participants are asked to bring their shoes to class. For details, call Senior Airman Jarrod Garceau at 452-8300.

Tobacco Cessation

A Tobacco Cessation class takes place July 6-7 at noon at the HAWC. For details or to sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Edith Fields at 452-7385.

Ballfield parking

Parking behind Dorm 136 is for dorm residents only during the posted hours. People visiting the softball field or clinic must find alternate parking.

Firecracker Fun Run

Sabers are invited to participate in the Firecracker 5K Fun Run June 30 at 9 a.m. at the fitness center. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

AF Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon takes place at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 17. The course is a certified 26.2 miles, and the run begins and ends at the National Museum of the USAF. The cost is \$45 per person and \$30 for the half-marathon. The registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.